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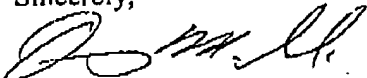
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Dear Examiner Bella:

Pursuant to your telephone conference on December 8, 2004 with Mrs. Korde, accompanying this facsimile letter is a courtesy copy of the Petition to Withdraw, Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449 we today filed in the above-referenced application.

If you have any questions, or if you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Dennis M. Smid
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